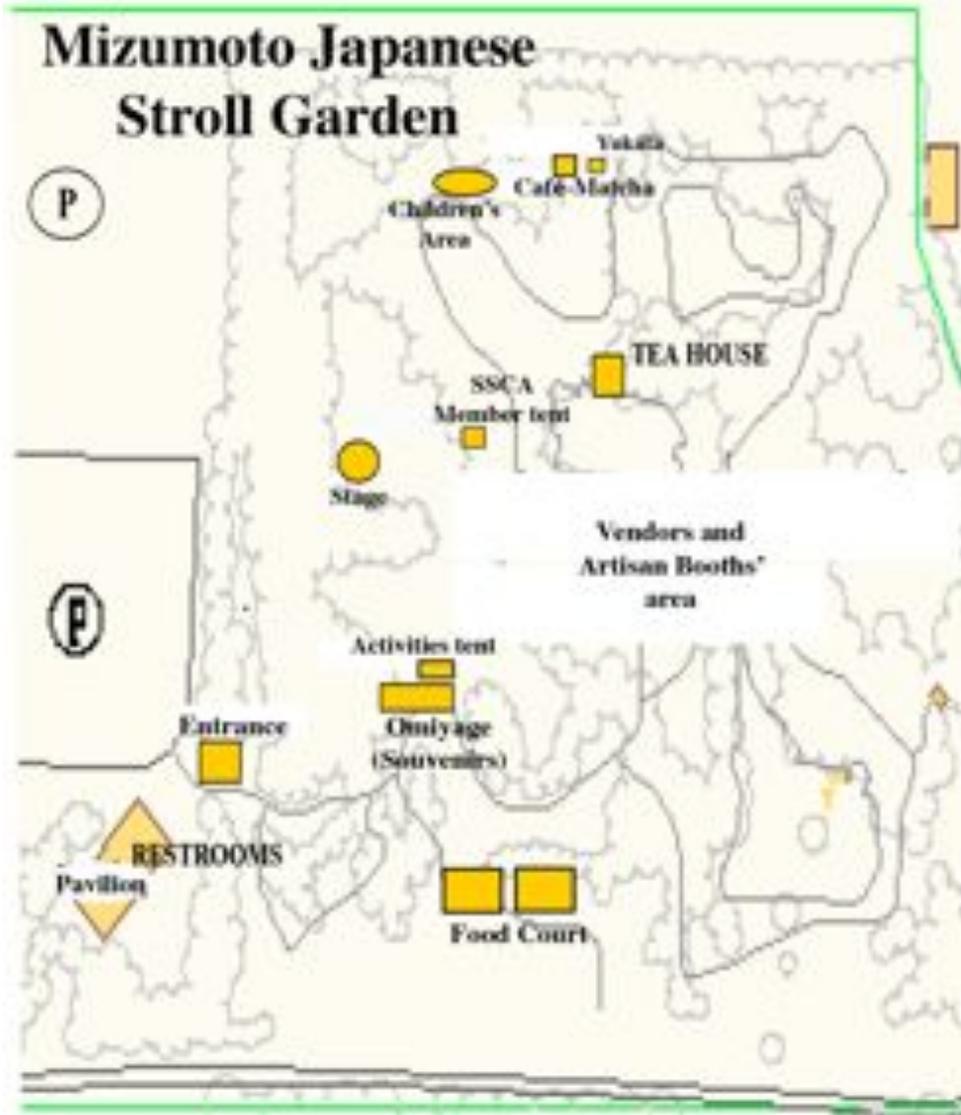


# Festival Map



# PASSPORT



20th Annual  
**Japanese Fall Festival**



ADMISSION ADULTS \$7 KIDS \$3  
(WEEKEND PASSES AVAILABLE ADULTS \$12 KIDS \$5)

# TO CULTURE

## Get Involved with Sister Cities Association Today

Membership levels

Individual: \$25.00

Family: \$50.00

Friend of SSCA: \$100.00

Organization or Business: \$250.00

Student Special!: \$5.00

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Check our web site: [PeaceThroughPeople.org](http://PeaceThroughPeople.org)

 [SpringfieldSisterCities](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldSisterCities)

This festival is brought to the community by the Springfield Sister Cities Association. Stop by our tent to learn more about Sister Cities and other activities we sponsor.

Special Thanks



## Isesaki, Japan

Isesaki has a population of about 209,000 as compared to Springfield's 156,000. Isesaki's population has been increasing each year, and the City is now the fifth largest in the Gunma Prefecture. The City is located in a flat area at the center of the Japanese island, 100 km from Tokyo. There are seven ponds as well as numerous branches of three rivers, the Hirose River, the Kasu River, and the Tone River. In Winter, the seasonal wind called "Karakkaze" blows, but the weather is otherwise comparatively mild throughout the year.



Mojaro



Gunma-chan

## Tea Ceremony (Cha - no - yu) 茶の湯 at the Tea House

\$10.00 each, limit of six participants per Ceremony

Served by Yuriko Mizumoto Scott and

Kizuna - Japan America Friendship Group

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.

This is your chance to experience an authentic Japanese tea ceremony in our beautiful Tea House located on the north side of the Garden. Ceremonies last approximately 30 minutes and cost \$10.00 per person.

**All participants must register and purchase tickets at the souvenir tent prior to the ceremony.**

**We suggest you register early. Tickets must be purchased on the day of the ceremony.**

Please be at the Tea House 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time. The tea ceremony begins promptly and latecomers will not be allowed to participate.

No refunds. All proceeds benefit SSCA's "Peace Through People" programs.



## Special guests from Our Sister City Isesaki, Gunma Japan.

Kyoko Tateishi will perform GinKenShi-Bu. Song and dance with fan and sword. A dance movement adopted from old Japanese martial arts, performer must understand and possess Bushido spirits, energy, and style.



### Mitsuyo and Anna Kobayashi

Mother and daughter artists will draw Japanese manga style art and Calligraphy.

## Performers

### Local Performers:

- Hiroshi Tada: Koma mawashi - Top Spinner
- Kizuna: Japan America Friendship Group "Festival" and "Ninja". They will be having a "Ninja Game" besides their Traditional Japanese Dance.
- Tracy's Kenpo Karate Studio
- Springfield Aikodo Club
- Dukes - Drury University Ukulele Group  
They performed at Isesaki Summer Festival this August.

## Minbuza



Umihei



Mai



Masae

Minbuza, formed by Momo Suzuki, is the professional performing arts of the Japanese Folk Dance Institute of NY for over 20 years. Some of their proudest achievements include performing at the Epcot Pavilion at Disney World Florida, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival and more. The purpose of The Japanese Folk Dance Institute of NY is to promote and keep alive interest in the traditional folk dances of Japan and by so doing, foster closer friendships between the Japanese and American peoples.

[www.japanesefolkdance.org/minbu-za](http://www.japanesefolkdance.org/minbu-za)

## St. Louis Osuwa Taiko



The original Osuwa Taiko was formed by Grandmaster Daihachi Oguchi in Suwa, Japan, in 1986. Oguchi visited St. Louis with a generous donation of hand made drums to the City, and helped form the first Osuwa Taiko in St. Louis. St. Louis Osuwa Taiko was restarted at

Washington University in September of 1996. Since then, the group has grown and invited to perform at numerous events and occasions mostly in the mid-western region of the United States. We hope to broaden the awareness of this rich Japanese tradition and culture to the general public.

[www.stltaiko.com](http://www.stltaiko.com)

## Tea Café (Cha -dokoro) 茶処

### Café Matcha カフェ抹茶

Served by Kizuna - Japan America Friendship Group

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This year will be our outdoor café serving Japanese Matcha tea. You will enjoy the same tea and candy as served in the Tea House but without the complete ceremony.

\$5.00 for one cup of tea and a tea candy.



## Special Activities / Japanese Cultural

日本文化体験 Nihon-Bunka Taiken

Please check daily activity schedule board at the site

- Artists from Isesaki
- Gyo-taku 魚拓 - Fish print
- Sho 書 - Japanese Calligraphy
- Yukata 浴衣 (Cotton kimono) Dressing (yukata dressing at the tent next of tea Café)  
Saturday 2:30 - 4:00 Sunday 12:00 - 2:00 (TBA)

## Children's Activities and Games

Friday: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join in the hands-on children's area with traditional games and crafts. Adults, please stay with your children in this area. Organized by Kazumi Holcomb and Kickapoo High School Japanese language class.

## Omiyage (Souvenirs) お土産 and Dagashi-ya

駄菓子屋

Friday and Saturday open till 9:00 p.m.

Sunday open till 5:00 p.m.

Visit this tent to buy Festival T-shirts and authentic Japanese souvenirs, toys and Japanese Candies. All proceeds benefit SSCA's "Peace Through People" programs.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Fall Festival

September 11, 12, 13, 2015

Friday, September 11

- Gates Open 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Hiroshi Tada will be performing "top spinning."
- Kizuna (Springfield's Japan America Friendship Group) will be performing traditional festival dance on stage. Everyone is invited to participate!
- 6:00 Opening Ceremony at the stage
- 6:15 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- 6:30 Minbuza NY & Isesaki performer
- 7:10 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- **Candlelight walk begins at dusk!**  
Hundreds of torches and candles fill the garden, creating a special evening stroll.

Throughout the festival the souvenir tent, food service, children's activity area, vendor booths and artisan tents also available.

## Saturday, September 12

- Gates open 11:00 a.m.
- Mr. Hiroshi Tada will be performing “top spinning.”
- 12:00 Springfield Aikido club
- 1:00 Isesaki Delegation: GinKenShiBu
- Minbuza: Japanese Folk Dance and Lion Dance
- 2:00 DUkes: Drury University’s Ukulele Club
- 2:40 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko (performance followed by children’s workshop)
- 4:00 Tracy’s Karate Studio
- 5:00 Kizuna: Festival and Ninja! Performance
- 6:00 Isesaki Delegation: GinKenShiBu  
Minbuza: Japanese Folk Dance and Lion Dance
- 7:00 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- **Candlelight walk begins at dusk!**  
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## Sunday, September 13

- Gates open 11:00 a.m.
- Mr. Hiroshi Tada will be performing “top spinning.”
- 12:30 Tracy’s Kenpo Karate Studio
- 1:30 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- 2:30 Springfield Aikido
- 3:30 Isesaki Delegation: GinKenShiBu  
Minbuza: Japanese Folk Dance and Lion Dance
- 4:20 Kizuna: Festival and Ninja!  
Performance
- 5:00 DUkes: Drury University’s Ukulele Club

Souvenir tent, food service, children’s activity area, vendor booths and artisan tents also available all day Saturday and Sunday

### Food Court

Food Service provided Hy-Vee Food Store

